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26th Judicial District Announces Honorable Carla Archie as New Senior Resident Superior Court Judge



On September 1, 2021, the Honorable Carla N. Archie assumed the role of Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for the 26th Judicial District of North Carolina (Mecklenburg County). Judge Archie succeeded the Honorable W. Robert Bell, who retired after serving as a Superior Court Judge for 24 years.

As a superior court judge, Judge Archie presides over felony criminal matters, civil matters involving more than \$25,000 in dispute, and appeals from criminal district court, the clerk of court, and administrative agencies. As senior resident, Judge Archie will also be responsible for various administrative duties, including appointment of magistrates, the public defender, and other court officials, as well as implementing local rules and managing the schedule of civil cases.

Judge Archie graduated summa cum laude from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. She received her Juris Doctor from the College of William and Mary Law School, where she was president of William and Mary's Black Law Student Association and spearheaded establishment of the Oliver Hill Scholarship which is now endowed to support minority law students at William and Mary. Judge Archie also holds a Master of Laws degree in judicial studies from Duke University.

Judge Archie started her legal career as a prosecutor in Charlotte, North Carolina, and was promoted to Chief Assistant District Attorney in charge of felony drug prosecutions. She then transitioned into commercial litigation as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for Wachovia Corporation. She went on to serve as Deputy Executive Director and the first General Counsel of the North Carolina Education Lottery. Judge Archie then returned to her commercial litigation practice as Senior Counsel for Wells Fargo & Company, where she co-chaired the law department's diversity and inclusion committee.

In 2014, Judge Archie was elected to serve as a Resident Superior Court Judge for the 26th Judicial District of North Carolina. Over the years, she has been very active in the community as a member of the Junior League of Charlotte, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, The Links, Incorporated, and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She is a past president of the Mecklenburg County Bar and has served on the board of directors and in various leadership roles with the Charlotte Women's Bar, the John S. Leary Association of Black Lawyers, the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, the Triangle Urban League, and the STARS Math and English Academy.

Judge Archie has spent her life as a servant leader and path builder. She has been recognized as an outstanding alumna of Hampton University, as a Citizen Lawyer by William and Mary Law School, as a Julius Chambers Diversity Champion by the Mecklenburg County Bar, and as one of Charlotte's 50 most influential women by the Mecklenburg Times. When asked about this new leadership role, Judge Archie said, "I am honored to serve as the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for the 26th Judicial District. I remain committed to working collaboratively with the community and our justice partners to ensure an accessible, efficient, and equitable court system in Mecklenburg County."

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